

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: Loading of a Camptothecin Drug into) Date: January 4, 2008
Colloidal Nanoparticles)

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper responds to the Office Action of December 07, 2007, time for response to which expires January 07, 2008.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect with traverse Group I, claims 1-15, drawn to a method for producing a colloidal preparation comprising cationic colloidal nanoparticles and an active agent.

The inventions of Groups I-III are related as colloidal preparations comprising cationic colloidal nanoparticles and an active agent, methods of making these colloidal preparations, and methods of using these colloidal preparations. The search for one of the inventions would result in finding art that is pertinent to the other inventions. It would not be a serious burden on the Patent Office to search and examine all the groups in one application.

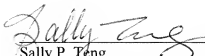
Applicants further reserve the right to traverse the art of Unger *et al.* (US Patent 5,830,430) in any later communications to the Patent Office should this reference be officially presented as a basis for rejection of the present application.

Conclusion

If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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